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June 06, 2017

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

13 June 6, 2017

LORI GLASGOW  
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### **APPROVE THE 2015 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALL DISTRICTS (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

Approve the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program budget in the amount of \$792,632 for the County of Los Angeles.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Approve the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program budget in the amount of \$792,632 to continue crime prevention and control programs in the County of Los Angeles.
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Office to execute, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, any contracts or actions necessary to amend, create, or extend any programs necessary to achieve the goals of the Justice Assistance Grant programs.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The City of Los Angeles (City) and County of Los Angeles (County) agreed to allocate \$792,632 to the County for the 2015 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). This amount reflects 50 percent of the eligible joint allocation amount of \$1,761,404 or \$880,702, less approximately 10 percent or \$88,070 for administrative costs incurred by the City (Attachment).

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Countywide Strategic Plan Goal 3: Maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The term of the 2015 JAG is October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2018, and will fund programs over the County's Fiscal Years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. JAG does not require a net County cost match.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

JAG was established by the 109th Congress in 2005 to aid states, tribes, and local governments in creating programs that prevent and control crime within their localities. It was created by merging the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program.

All JAG funded programs must submit yearly Performance Metrics reports and quarterly financial reports to the Chief Executive Office for processing and eventual reporting to the Department of Justice. Financial reports require detailed itemized listings of expenditures.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the City jointly accepts funds from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2015 JAG Program, which was approved by the Board on May 17, 2016, and fully executed on July 17, 2016, by the City. The MOU is required under grant guidelines.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

No impact on current services.

### **CONCLUSION**

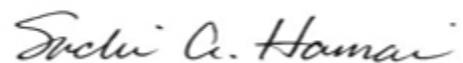
Approval of the recommended actions will enable the continued funding of programs that help to reduce crime and increase public safety in our communities.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

6/6/2017

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Respectfully submitted,

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SACHI A. HAMAI

Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
District Attorney  
Sheriff  
Alternate Public Defender  
Auditor-Controller  
Public Defender

**2015 Justice Assistance Grant Budget Narrative  
County of Los Angeles  
Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative**

The County of Los Angeles (County) has participated in the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) funded specialized crime reduction and public safety improvement programs since 1996, through the former Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program. The County plans to continue on a similar path under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) by preserving the programs previously funded under the LLEBG program.

**Goals and Objectives:**

The overall goal of the County's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative is to reduce crime and improve public safety. Personal and community safety is recognized as being one of our most basic needs. The County has been working in a cooperative effort with various justice and law enforcement agencies to target street gangs with the use of search warrants, arrests, and the seizure of firearms and weapons. It is most important for perpetrators of violent gang crimes to be identified, arrested, prosecuted, and convicted in accordance with the law. This is done to protect the public from crime that can ruin the local economy, and have a negative impact on the quality of life for all persons.

Public safety is enhanced when offenders are held accountable and redirected from delinquent and criminal behavior. Strategies to positively impact the behavior of probationers and at-risk youth through early intervention, prevention and suppression programs are a key element of Los Angeles County's Crime Reduction and Public Safety Improvement Initiative. The County program will continue to develop and implement specific strategies that target and focus on prosecution programs to suppress organized criminal gang behavior and control the impact of gangs on our community; increased law enforcement presence in the community, particularly during large, high profile community events; Sheriff Department services to heighten and promote public safety on and off school campuses; and ongoing collaboration between the County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies to prevent and reduce criminal behavior through case management, supervision, and monitoring. Additionally, the County will be enhancing its program by adding four new Contractors upon approval from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to assist with crime prevention and education of at-risk youth.

**Law Enforcement Programs:**

**Patrol Services Overtime - Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD)**

Funding will be provided to enhance unincorporated services in Supervisorial District 5 LASD area stations including: Altadena, Santa Clarita, Palmdale, Lancaster, Crescenta Valley, Temple City and La Crescenta. Additionally, funding will provide for increased law enforcement presence countywide, particularly during large, high profile community events and activities with large participant turnout, as well as holidays.

**Prosecution and Court Programs:**

**Strategies Against Gang Environments (SAGE) Program – District Attorney (DA)**

The Sage program abates street gang violence and narcotic related activities by utilizing civil injunctions and other procedures deemed appropriate by local law enforcement authorities. The program provides collaborative efforts among the Los Angeles County District Attorney, Los Angeles County Sheriff and the City of Los Angeles Police Department to suppress gang activities in targeted areas.

The District Attorney's component of SAGE provides focused vertical prosecutions, tracks criminal proceedings of notorious gang members, and contributes expertise and local resources to facilitate the successful arrest and prosecution of gang members who commit serious and/or violent felonies. Assigned Deputy District Attorney Staff assists in the coordination of probation and parole sweeps by providing guidance and training to local officers on legal search and seizure precedents applicable to the target group. The program also works to suppress and abate street gang activity, graffiti, vandalism, narcotic sales and use, and criminal nuisance properties and related problems that lead to the commission of violent and serious gang-related crimes.

**Alternative Sentencing Program/Paralegal Services - Public Defender**

The Public Defender Alternative Sentencing Program enhances the adjudication process of cases involving violent offenders by utilizing paralegals to assist attorneys in securing information for preparation of the penalty phase in capital cases and alternative sentencing reports in cases where there is significant mitigating information to support alternative sentencing. This program presents the Court with a range of sentencing options which offer punishment, control, and accountability, frequently at less cost than jail or prison. This program can reduce unnecessary jail and prison use with a potential for a positive impact upon the management of overcrowded jail facilities.

Alternative Sentencing Program/Social Worker Services – Alternate Public Defender

The Alternate Public Defender (APD) Alternate Sentencing Program enhances the adjudication process of cases involving mentally ill clients by providing in-house Psychiatric Social Workers (PSW) that are knowledgeable in the area of mental health and substance abuse that can make a quick assessment as to what program, if any, would be suitable for the client. PSW work for the Department of Mental Health and are assigned to APD cases. By having a PSW in-house, in addition to putting the client at ease, the County will also avoid issues relating to “mandatory reporting”, as an employee of the APD; the PSW has to honor the Attorney-Client Privilege, thus maintaining confidentiality.

### **Prevention and Education Programs:**

#### **School Resource Deputy – Crescenta Valley Station - LASD**

This program provides various prevention services targeting at-risk youth on a countywide basis. Funds are made available to support eligible programs of community interest and benefit aimed to reduce crime and improve public safety. Los Angeles County assigns staff from law enforcement departments and/or contracts with community-based organizations to provide various prevention services targeting youth at-risk for gang membership.

#### **Youth Activities League (YAL) – LASD**

YAL provides supervised recreational and educational activities and reaches economically and socially disadvantaged boys and girls from the age of 8 to 18. The YAL strengthens the relationship between Sheriff's deputies and volunteers as they work together for the benefit of the at-risk youth.

#### **Gang Reduction and Community Engagement (GRACE) Program – Toberman Neighborhood Center (Contractor)**

The GRACE Project is a collaborative effort between Toberman Neighborhood Center and the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations to bring intervention efforts to the Harbor Gateway community. The GRACE Project is working to reduce inter-ethnic tension that leads to violence; reduce gang violence and prevent retaliation violence; expand older teen and young adult resources at local parks and community service agencies; increase public safety; expand prevention and positive youth development resources, and coordinate county services with the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Public Social Services, Department of Mental Health for high-risk youth and families.

#### **\*Centinela Youth Services (CYS) The Every Child Restorative Justice Centers (Contractor)**

Centinela Youth Services seeks to expand its highly effective Restorative Justice Centers in response to the unmet need for juvenile pre-arrest and court diversion services in the San Fernando Valley. CYS will reduce the number of vulnerable, high-risk youth of color attached to the juvenile justice system in the San Fernando Valley. Beginning in the East Valley, in collaboration with LAPD's Mission and Foothill Divisions, services will begin serving adjacent communities along the corridor from San Fernando through Pacoima and Panorama City to Van Nuys. Youth are referred to CYS as a means of diversion from arrest, prosecution and incarceration. The goal is to refer youth for services as soon as possible to minimize justice system involvement.

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\* New Earth Arts and Leadership Center's Dream Space Library and Fluent Love of Words Program – (Contractor)

New Earth was founded to provide mentor-based arts, educational, and vocational programs that empower juvenile justice system involved youth ages 13-24 to transform their lives, move toward positive, healthier life choices and realize their full potential as contributing members of our community. New Earth services young males weekly who are incarcerated in Probation Camps and Boy's homes throughout Los Angeles County. New Earth programs are designed to ensure that participants get both education and personal growth out of every session. The Fluent Love of Words (FLOW) program uses poetic expression to instill a sense of self-confidence and empowerment in youth by challenging them to think outside of their comfort zone and current predicament. The Dream Space Library will help promote literacy, empowerment, and a love of reading for the 100 plus youth served at the Center. Furthermore, the FLOW classes and positive skills learned therein contribute to a reduction in recidivism.

\* Spirit Awakening Foundation (Contractor)

Spirit Awakening Foundation (SAF) delivers transformative, art-based programming (writing performance and visual arts) to incarcerated children in various detention centers and at-risk youth in middle and high schools in Los Angeles County. SAF provides mentorship, career counseling, and financial aid to students upon release from incarceration so that they have the emotional support and practical means to start building a better life. SAF will expand its mentoring and incarceration prevention programs for at-risk and post-incarceration youth. SAF's mentoring program will assist homeless, foster youth and youth who are post incarcerated to re-entry into their communities and will provide support for successful graduation from high school, matriculation into university or career counseling. SAF Post-Incarceration Mentorship Program will expand its aftercare program to not only prevent recidivism, but also support youth in completing their education, finding career paths and building fulfilling lives.

\* Southern California Crossroads - (Contractor)

Crossroads Youth Program is designed to insert a team of student mentors (SM) into schools with the objective of preventing violence and intervening in existing issues of conflict. SMs are trained violence reduction professionals who possess unique skill sets needed to dissect and address issues of youth violence while also assisting in the mentoring and development of youth. SMs have an understanding of neighborhood dynamics that play a role in the escalation of violence and possess the ability to navigate gang and crew culture. SMs work to reduce violence by utilizing prevention and intervention practices. Crossroads will also provide group sessions that are used to educate and develop youth to become leaders and better decision makers by building their level of accountability and self-esteem.

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**2015 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT  
COUNTY BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS</b>		
Patrol Services Overtime - Sheriff's Department	District 5	\$ 29,300
<b>PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAMS</b>		
S.A.G.E. East Los Angeles - District Attorney	District 1	\$ 89,300
Alternative Sentencing Program/Paralegal Services - Public Defender	Countywide	\$238,132
Alternate Sentencing Program/Social Worker Services - Alternate Public Defender	Countywide	\$108,000
<b>PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS</b>		
School Resource Deputy - Crescenta Valley Station Rosemont - Sheriff's Department	District 5	\$ 25,000
Youth Activities League (YAL) Sheriff's Department	District 5	\$ 35,000
Centinela Youth Services - Every Child Restorative Justice Center - (Contractor)	District 3	\$ 89,300
G.R.A.C.E. - Toberman Neighborhood Center - (Contractor)	District 4	\$ 89,300
New Earth - Dream Space Library and FLOW Program - (Contractor)	District 2	\$ 15,300
Spirit Awakening Foundation - (Contractor)	District 2	\$ 50,000
Southern California Crossroads - (Contractor)	District 2	\$ 24,000
<b>JAG 2015 PROGRAM TOTAL</b>		<b>\$792,632</b>

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Patrol Services Overtime – Sheriff’s Department

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Overtime	\$29,300
Personnel Subtotal	\$29,300
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$29,300</b>

PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAMS  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Strategies Against Gang Environments (SAGE) - District Attorney

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Attorneys, Sworn Officers	\$89,300
Personnel Subtotal	\$89,300
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$89,300</b>

PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Alternative Sentencing Program/Paralegal Services - Public Defender

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Attorneys, Paralegals	\$238,132
Personnel Subtotal	\$238,132
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$238,132</b>

PROSECUTION AND COURT PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Alternative Sentencing Program/Social Worker Services - Alternate Public Defender

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Psychiatric Social Worker	\$107,400
Personnel Subtotal	\$107,400
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$600
Contractual	\$0
Other	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$108,000</b>

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
BUDGET REQUESTProgram: School Resource Deputy - Crescenta Valley Station – Sheriff's  
Department

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Sworn Officers	\$25,000
Personnel Subtotal	\$25,000
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Youth Activities League (YAL) – Sheriff's Department

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Sworn Officers	\$35,000
Personnel Subtotal	\$35,000
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Every Child Restorative Justice Center – Centinela Youth Services

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Staff	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$89,300
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$89,300</b>

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PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Gang Reduction and Community Engagement Project (GRACE) Toberman  
Neighborhood Center (Contractor)

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Staff	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$89,300
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$89,300</b>

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: New Earth – Arts and Leadership Center’s Dream Space Library and  
Fluent Love of Words Program – (Contractor)

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Staff	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$15,300
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$15,300</b>

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PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Spirit Awakening Foundation – Post-Incarceration Mentorship Program -  
(Contractor)

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Staff	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$50,000
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

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PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM  
BUDGET REQUEST

Program: Southern California Crossroads - (Contractor)

Allocation Category	Allocated Amount
Personnel	
Hiring:	\$0
Other: Staff	\$0
Personnel Subtotal	\$0
Travel	\$0
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$24,000
Other	\$0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$24,000</b>

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